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NATURE OF CALL: IN-CUSTODY DEATH

LOCATION OF CALL: PLACER COUNTY JAIL

CASE NUMBER: SO-05-10252

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On July 12th, 2005 at 3:18 a.m., inmate Cecil Earl McLaughlin, 68, was discovered not breathing in his cell at the Placer County Jail. Correctional staff started CPR until American Medical Response (AMR) arrived. CPR was continued and McLaughlin was transported to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital where doctors pronounced McLaughlin dead. McLaughlin apparently asphyxiated himself, in his jail cell, with a clothing item that was issued to him. McLaughlin was in custody for a homicide investigation. Correctional staff previously checked McLaughlin at 3:05 a.m.

There has been only one previous suicide at the Placer County Jail in Auburn since its construction in 1985. That death occurred about 14 years ago. The Placer County Jail goes to great lengths to help prevent these unfortunate deaths by conducting a thorough medical and mental health screening at the time the prisoner is booked, and by conducting follow up evaluations by licensed clinicians.

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